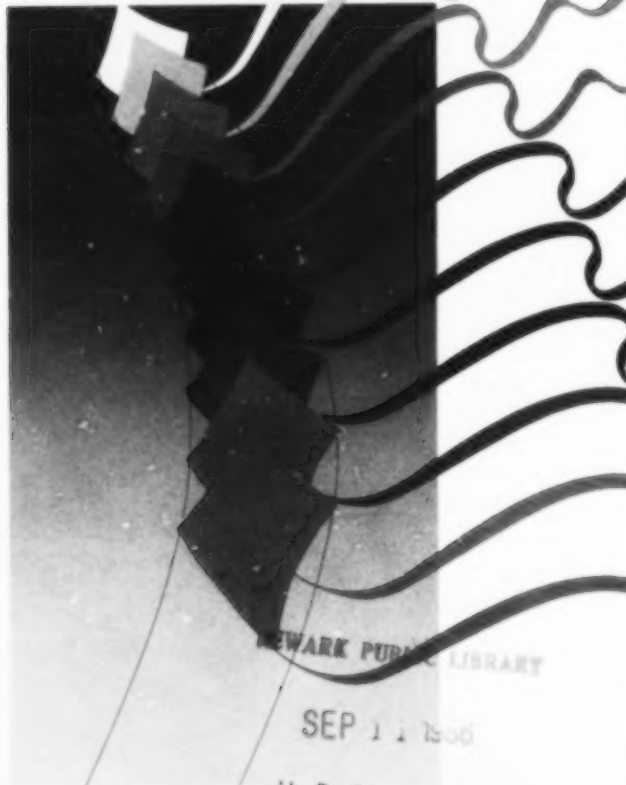


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- Do you get a "kick" out of helping someone who really needs help?
- Do you enjoy making a contribution in your community?
- Are you willing to give a little of your time?
- Do you have an aptitude for tax work?
- Are you good at meeting and dealing with people from widely different backgrounds?
- Do you take pride in doing a good job?

If you answered "yes" to all or most of these questions, you are a prime candidate for one or more of the volunteer programs that the Internal Revenue Service offers in your community. You are needed. The IRS is not able to offer individual tax assistance to everyone. However, the IRS does train volunteers to help people. You can be one of them.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

VITA is one program where volunteers are needed. The IRS trains volunteers to help people prepare simple tax returns for lower income, elderly, handicapped and non-English-speaking taxpayers. The volunteers serve in the community at neighborhood centers, libraries, churches and shopping malls. People also are needed as instructors, site managers and publicity coordinators.

Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE)

TCE is another program where tax skills and a helping hand are offered. TCE offers free tax help to people who are 60 years or older. Many of the volunteers are retired themselves and are affiliated with non-profit groups that have received grants to run a local TCE program. Grant funds are used to pay mileage and other travel expenses so that the volunteers can go wherever they are needed — retirement homes, neighborhood sites or private houses of the homebound.

Community Outreach Tax Assistance

In the Community Outreach Tax Assistance program individuals conduct lectures or seminars on some aspect of tax law. The presentations are targeted at groups of taxpayers who have a common occupation or tax concerns — farmers, retirees and small business owners. Outreach is offered year-round at convenient community locations and at convenient hours, including evenings and weekends. Tax information seminars are tailored to the interests of each group attending. Tax return preparation sessions cover federal tax forms line-by-line so that taxpayers can prepare their returns correctly.

Small Business Tax Workshops (SBW)

Small businesses usually need help getting started and taxes are one important aspect of successful entrepreneurship. Small Business Tax Workshops help people understand their federal tax obligations. Free workshops

explain withholding tax responsibilities and the completion of employment tax returns. If you already have expertise in running a business, this is an excellent opportunity for you to "explain the ropes" to someone who is just starting out or experiencing difficulty along the way.

Understanding Taxes

Since nearly everyone will have to pay taxes eventually, what better time to learn the basics than while in school? Besides, many students have part-time jobs and the practicality of this learning can be applied immediately. That's why the IRS started the Understanding Taxes Program, which provides introductory tax education to high school students.

If you enjoy teaching or helping others to teach and are knowledgeable about taxation, you can help the taxpaying citizens of tomorrow by volunteering to assist with this program.

Practitioner Institutes

Tax professionals can learn about recent tax law changes at Practitioner Institutes, which will enhance the professional quality of the services they provide. These institutes are sponsored by qualified educational institutions. Qualified tax professionals who would like to volunteer to acquaint fellow practitioners with the latest developments in the tax field might enjoy serving in this program.

Student Tax Clinics

Perhaps you are willing to help a student in the field of taxation to get some "hands-on" experience providing counsel to taxpayers whose returns are being examined. Law and graduate accounting school students are given special permission to practice before the IRS on behalf of taxpayers who can't afford professional help. As a volunteer, you can help with clinic operations or even serve as a Student Tax Clinic Director.

Library Program

This program offers a chance to give back a little to your local library and your community. The IRS supplies over 18,000 libraries, technical schools, prisons, and similar facilities with free tax forms, audiovisual aids and reference materials. Do you think that librarians can handle all this on top of their normal workload? No way. That's where you can help.

In the case of all of these programs, the Taxpayer Education Coordinator in your IRS district office can provide you with further information about these opportunities.

Volunteer in your community. Volunteering is part of the American way of life . . . it always has been and always will be. . . . That barn-raising spirit built our country and makes it unique in the world today!

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